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Martin P. Honigberg, Esq., Chairman  
Site Evaluation Committee  
State of New Hampshire  
21 South Fruit Street, Suite 10  
Concord, NH 03301

Re: **Eversource Seacoast Reliability Project**

Dear Chairman Honigberg:

The Town of Durham, the University of New Hampshire, and Eversource have been working closely together over the last year to coordinate, facilitate, and align design details for the Seacoast Reliability Project transmission corridor through the Town of Durham, which includes portions of the UNH campus. Durham understands the importance of this project to the Seacoast region and has been working cooperatively to ensure future reliability and stability of the electrical grid, as well as to provide capacity for future economic growth in the Durham-Dover-Newington-Portsmouth area. At the same time, Durham has proactively engaged with Eversource to address concerns locally regarding the size and placement of new or replacement tower structures of a much larger scale, impacts to local viewsheds, potential impacts to affected property values, environmental impacts to wetlands and the Great Bay, and local landowner-specific considerations.

Eversource has worked diligently with Durham and UNH officials to identify and address local concerns raised to date, avoid sensitive areas within the transmission corridor, and to limit views of the transmission line from certain Town and campus locations. To date, Eversource has worked to mitigate potential effects as it finalizes design details for the project.

As construction plans are finalized, Durham, UNH, and Eversource will continue to work together to coordinate the construction process with campus and Durham activities to minimize impacts to immediate abutters and the broader community.

We do specifically request that the SEC keep the Town of Durham and UNH fully apprised of the progress of the Eversource application so we may remain engaged throughout the Site Evaluation Committee review process.

Do not hesitate to contact me should you have further questions in regard to this or any other matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Todd I. Selig  
Administrator

Chris Clement, UNH VP for Finance and Administration  
Bill Quinlan, President of Eversource Operations in NH